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STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN BOB STUMP ON PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH ON MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS

“I am pleased that the President has reiterated his strong support for a comprehensive missile defense system. The President’s statement moves our nation in the right direction by making clear that America, our allies, and our friends will be defended against ballistic missiles and the weapons of mass destruction they carry.

“I commend the President for leading the effort to craft a new national security strategy for the United States that recognizes the geopolitical and strategic realities of the post-Cold War world. Such a strategy must move beyond the now-obsolete framework that was once the cornerstone of our national security.

“The House Armed Services Committee has long been at the forefront of the effort to build bipartisan consensus in support of strong missile defenses. I share the President’s goals on this matter, and remain committed to working with the Administration to develop and implement a defense strategy that accelerates the day when we are all protected against the growing threat of ballistic missile attack.”

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